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Committee of Council on Education, two parts (*Chapman and Hall*). Hall's Elements of Descriptive Geometry for students in Engineering. Heather's Descriptive Geometry. Also the following French Works:—*Eléments de Géométrie Descriptive*, par S. F. Lacroix; *Traité de Géométrie Descriptive* par Lefebure de Fourcy; *Nouveau Cours raisonné de Dessin Industriel*, par Armengaud, aîné, et Armengaud, jeune, et Amoureux; Bardin's Works on Descriptive Geometry.

129. The Examiner, speaking of last year's work, says that the numerous failures are "the result of the same causes which have been mentioned in previous reports—First, a want of elementary knowledge of practical co-ordinate geometry; and secondly, attempted constructions which the candidates should have felt were beyond their powers."

## XXXII.—THEORY OF MUSIC.

*Examiner*.—John Hullah, Esq.

130. Notation, the modern modes, intervals, time signatures, the stave, transposition, modulation, terms and characters in common use.

131. The Elements of Harmony.

132. Musical History and Biography.

133. Arrangements must be made, in the Previous Examinations by the Local Boards, to test Candidates, by oral examination, in their knowledge or appreciation of the *sound* of musical successions and combinations. A form of the test to be used for this purpose by the Local Board at the Previous Examination, will be sent by the Council to such Local Boards as may *apply for it* in due time before the Previous Examination.

## PRIZES FOR 1868.

## THE PRINCE CONSORT'S PRIZE.

134. His Royal Highness, the late President of the Society, was pleased to offer annually to the candidate who, obtaining a certificate of the first-class in the current year, shall have obtained, in that year and the three years immediately preceding it, the greatest number of such certificates, a PRIZE of TWENTY-FIVE GUINEAS, and this Prize Her Majesty the Queen has graciously intimated her intention to continue. This Prize cannot be taken more than once by the same candidate. It will be accompanied by a certificate from the Society of Arts, setting forth the special character of the Prize, and the various certificates for which it was granted.

## GENERAL PRIZES.

\* \* \* None of these Prizes will be awarded to a Candidate *who* does not obtain a Certificate of the First-class in the subject.

1. Arithmetic (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	17.*Fruit and Vegetable Culture	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
2. Book-keeping (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	18. Animal Physiology in relation to Health (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
3. Algebra .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	19.*Domestic Economy (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
4. Geometry .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	20.*Political and Social Economy (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
5. Mensuration .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	21.*Geography (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
6. Trigonometry .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	22. English History (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
7. Conic Sections .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	23. English Literature (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
8. Navigation and Nautical As- tronomy .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	24. Logic and Mental Science ..	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
9. Principles of Mechanics ....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	25. Latin and Roman History ..	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
10. Practical Mechanics .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	26. French (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
11. Electricity and Magnetism ..	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	27. German (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
12. Light and Heat .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	28. Italian (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
13. Chemistry .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	29. Spanish (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
14. Mining and Metallurgy ....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	30. Freehand Drawing (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
15.*Botany .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	31. Geometrical Drawing (F) ....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.
16.*Floriculture .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.	32. Theory of Music (F) .....	{ First Prize, £5. Second Prize, £3.

## SPECIAL PRIZES.

135. The whole of the General Prizes are offered to female candidates on the same terms as to male candidates; and, in each of the subjects marked F, an additional prize of £2 is offered by the Society of Arts to the *female* candidate who gets the highest number of marks with a certificate of the first-class. This special prize may be taken with, or apart from, any other prize.

136. In addition to the First and Second Prizes in Political and Social Economy offered by the Society of Arts, Mr. Harry Chester, a vice-President of the Society, offers a Third Prize of £2, and three prizes of books value £1 each, to candidates taking First-class Certificates in that subject.

137. In addition to the First and Second Prizes in Domestic Economy offered by the Society of Arts, Mr. Thomas Twining, a vice-President of the Society, offers a Third Prize of £2, and three prizes of books value £1 each, to candidates taking First-class Certificates in that subject.

138. In addition to the Prizes in Geography, offered by the Society of Arts to candidates taking Certificates of the First-class, the President and Council of the Royal Geographical Society offer an additional prize of £5 to the candidate who, taking any grade of certificate in Geography, shall obtain the highest number of marks in that subject.

139. In addition to the Prizes in Botany, in Floriculture, and in Fruit and Vegetable Culture offered by the Society of Arts to Candidates taking Certificates of the First Class, the Council of the Royal Horticultural Society offers three additional Prizes of £5, £3, and £1 respectively to the three Candidates who, taking any grade of Certificate in Botany, obtain the highest number of marks in that subject; also two additional Prizes of £5 and £3 respectively, to the two Candidates who, taking any grade of Certificate in Floriculture, obtain the highest number of marks in that subject; also two additional Prizes of £5 and £3 respectively to the two Candidates who, taking any grade of Certificate in Fruit and Vegetable Culture, obtain the highest number of marks in that subject. These Prizes are offered only to Candidates who are *bond fide* professional gardeners.

140. In addition to the Prizes in Floriculture, and in Fruit and Vegetable Culture, offered by the Society of Arts to Candidates taking Certificates of the First Class, the Proprietors of the *Gardener's Chronicle* offer three additional Prizes of £3, £2, and £1 respectively, to the three Candidates, being *bond fide* professional gardeners, who, obtaining a Second-class Certificate, at least, in Floriculture or Fruit and Vegetable Culture, shall obtain the highest number of marks in one of these subjects, and also a Second-class Certificate, at least, in Book-keeping or Mensuration.

\*\* The Council have made applications to other Societies and to some of the City Companies, in reference to the offer of other Special Prizes. These applications are under consideration, and the Council have every reason to hope that they will be regarded favourably, but they have thought it undesirable to delay the issue of the programme until replies could be received. Notice will be given in the *Journal of the Society of Arts* (a copy of which is sent to each Institution in Union with the Society) of any additional Special Prizes that may be offered.

\* \* At the Annual Conference in 1867 it was recommended that, in addition to the Prizes open to Candidates in all parts of the country, each of the District Unions should establish Local Prizes for the Candidates within its own district, and the Society of Arts was asked to assist in the establishment of such Local Prizes. In any instance in which this proposal may be carried into effect, each District Union will announce its own Local Prizes.

## LOCAL EDUCATIONAL BOARDS.

The following is a List of the places at which Local Boards have already been formed, with the names of the Secretaries, from whom intending Candidates and others may obtain information relative to the Examinations:—

LOCAL BOARDS.	SECRETARIES.
Aberdeen .....	{ Mr. Jas. Sinclair, Mechanics' Institution, Aberdeen.
Accrington .....	{ Mr. W. Ratcliffe.
Acomb, near York .....	{ Mr. T. Copley, Acomb.
Alderley Edge .....	{ Mr. G. W. Railton, Alderley Edge Institute.
Aldershot and Farnham District .....	{ Mr. Barrow Rule, M.C.P., Principal of the Classical and Mathematical School, Aldershot.
Alton .....	{ Mr. J. Bryant.
Ashford .....	{ Mr. T. Nesbit, 3, Dover-place, Ashford.
Ashton-under-Lyne .....	{ Mr. D. F. Howorth, Mechanics' Institute.
Bacup .....	{ Mr. Thomas Newbigging, Bacup Mechanics' Institute.
Banbridge (Ireland) Literary and Mutual Improvement Society .....	{ Mr. E. E. O'Neill.

\* For extra prizes in these subjects see paragraphs 136, 137, 138, 139, and 140.

Banbury.....	Mr. John H. Beale, Banbury.	Droylsden .....	Mr. James Blackburn, Educational Institute.
Beeston (Leeds).....	Mr. W. Standeven.	Dudley .....	Mr. Smith, Mechanics' Institute.
Belfast Literary Institute .....	Mr. F. A. Maitland.	East Lancashire Union of Mechanics' Institutions, Burnley .....	Mr. John Sutherland, Post-office, Burnley.
„ Science School...	Mr. James McNeill.	Eccleshill .....	Mr. J. T. Baxter, Eccleshill Mech. Inst.
Bessbrook (Newry) .....	Mr. Wm. J. Wonfor, Bessbrook.	Edinburgh, Watt Institute and School of Art .....	Mr. F. W. Bedford, D.C.L., Heriot's Hospital, Edinburgh.
Bilston .....	Hon. and Rev. A. Anson, St. Leonards', Bilston.	Farsley, near Leeds .....	Mr. Arthur Kirk.
Birmingham and Midland Institute.....	Mr. Edwin Smith, Institute, Birmingham.	Faversham.....	Mr. Frederick W. Monk, Managing Director of the Faversham Institute.
Bishop's Stortford.....	Mr. F. Woodham Nash, B.A., Sion House, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford.	Freetown (Glossop) .....	Mr. Thomas Haigh, Charles-town-road, Glossop.
Blackburn .....	Mr. W. G. Prebble.	Galgate .....	Mr. Wm. Parkinson, Railway-cottage, Galgate, Lancaster.
Blandford .....	Mr. J. B. Green, architect, &c., Salisbury-street, Blandford.	Garforth (Leeds) .....	Mr. Arthur Woodhead.
Bodmin .....	Mr. Josias Phillips, Little Berry-cottage, Bodmin.	Gilford (Ireland) Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society ...	Dr. Henry McBride, M.D., Gilford, County Down, Ireland.
Bollington .....	Mr. J. Gask, Useful Knowledge Society.	Glasgow Athenæum.....	Mr. John Allan, 13, Queen-street, Glasgow.
Bolton Mechanics' Institution .....	Mr. Joseph Barton, Mechanics' Institution.	„ Institution .....	Mr. John Craig, F.E.I.S., Glasgow Institute, 280, George-street, Glasgow.
„ School of Science and Art .....	Rev. Joseph Lowe, M.A., Manchester-road, Bolton.	„ Mechanics' Institution .....	Mr. J. K. Dempster, Mechanics' Institution, Glasgow.
Bradford.....	Mr. J. Holbrey, Mechanics' Institution, Bradford.	„ Popular Evening Classes, Andersonian University .....	Mr. Geo. Martin, 11, Great Western-road, Glasgow.
Brighton (for Sussex) ...	Mr. Barclay Phillips, 75, Lansdowne-place, Brighton.	Guisboro' (Yorkshire) ...	Mr. T. Webster, Mechanics' Institution.
Bristol ... ..	Mr. R. W. C. Ross, Athenæum, Bristol.	Halifax Mechanics' Institution .....	Mr. A. C. Foster, Mechanics' Institution, Halifax.
Bromley (Kent).....	Mr. W. W. Baxter, Literary Institute.	„ Working Men's College .....	Mr. Geo. Gibb, Haley-hill, Halifax.
Burnley .....	Mr. J. H. Scott, Mechanics' Institute.	Handsworth .....	Rev. H. R. Peel.
Burrage-road (Plumstead) Evening Classes.....	Mr. Josiah Hammond.	Haslingden .....	Dr. J. Binns.
Bury (Lancashire) .....	Mr. T. W. Probert, Manchester-road, Bury.	Hastings and St. Leonard's .....	Mr. J. Savery, 27, Marina, St. Leonard's.
Bury St. Edmund's .....	Mr. John Jackson, Head Master of the Commercial School, Bury St. Edmund's.	Haughton Dale.....	Mr. J. F. Fallows, Haughton Dale Works, Denton, Manchester.
Calverley (Leeds) .....	Mr. Alfred Walton .....	Hebden Bridge .....	Rev. W. Baldwin, M.A., Hebden-bridge.
Canterbury.....	Mr. W. D. Furley, Canterbury.	Hertford.....	Mr. J. L. Foster, and Rev. J. Davey, Hales's Grammar School, Hertford.
Carlisle (Mechanics' Institute) .....	Mrs. Jane Williamson, Mechanics' Institute, Carlisle.	Heywood .....	Mr. G. Fairbrother, Mechanics' Inst., Heywood.
„ (Working Men's Reading Room)	Mr. J. Short, Lord-street School.	Holbeck (Leeds) .....	Mr. Geo. Tinker.
Chatham, Rochester, Strood, and Brompton	Mr. F. Butler, 112, High-street, Chatham.	Huddersfield .....	Mr. Joseph Bate, Mechanics' Institution, Huddersfield.
Chelmsford.....	Mr. W. Cutts and Mr. Jesse Garrod, Chelmsford.	Hull .....	Mr. P. Blackmore, 2, Charlotte-street, Hull.
Chorley (Lancashire) ...	Mr. T. Gillett, Mechanics' Institute.	Hulme (Working Men's Institute) .....	Mr. G. T. Letch, Working-Men's Institute, City-road, Hulme.
Christchurch .....	Mr. W. Judd, F.C.S., High-street.	Hunslet (Leeds) .....	Mr. W. Child, Powell-street, Hunslet.
Clitheroe .....	Mr. J. Gornall, Moor-lane, Clitheroe.	Hyde .....	Mr. W. Gee, Mechanics' Institute, Hyde.
Congleton .....	Mr. G. Pickford, Mechanics' Institution.	Ipswich .....	Mr. Edwin Barrett, 31, Cornhill, and Mr. Herbert Wright, Mechanics' Institution, Ipswich.
Cradley .....	Rev. J. H. Thompson, Cradley, Brierley-hill.	Keighley .....	Mr. C. D. Hardcastle, Keighley.
Crewe .....	Mr. W. C. Cubbons, Mechanics' Institute, Crewe.	King's Lynn .....	Mr. T. Burton, Checker-street.
Darwen .....	Mr. A. Bradbury, Mechanics' Inst.		
Dean Mills.....	Mr. W. Taylor.		
Deptford.....	Mr. T. Earland, 2, Wellington-grove, Greenwich-rd., S.E.		
Derby .....	Mr. H. M. Holmes, Hon. Local Sec. to the Society of Arts, London-road, Derby.		
Devonport .....	Mr. W. Mogg and Mr. Samuel Chapple, Mechanics' Institute, Devonport.		

Kinver .....	Mr. T. Bolton, Hyde House, Stourbridge.	Oldbury .....	Rev. H. B. Bowlby, Oldbury.
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes (Central Board).....	Mr. Thomas Lawton, 3, St. James's-chambers, South King-street, Manchester.	Oldham Lyceum .....	Mr. G. B. Taylor.
Lancaster .....	Mr. J. Liddell, the Castle, Lancaster.	Ossett (Wakefield) .....	Mr. J. W. Greenwood.
Leeds, Church Institute... „ Mechanics' Institution .....	Rev. J. F. Wood.	Padiham, Church of England Evening School .....	Rev. P. Warburton.
„ Young Men's Christian Association .....	Mr. J. O. Dayson.	Paisley .....	Mr. Charles Dalton Wason, St. George's School, Paisley.
Lichfield.....	Mr. W. H. Smith, Y.M. Christian Assoc., Leeds.	Patricroft (Manchester)...	Mr. J. W. Robertson, Mech. Institution.
Liverpool Institute .....	Rev. Thomas Dainty, Lichfield.	Pembroke Dock.....	Mr. T. H. Eastlake, 9, Pembroke-street, Pembroke Dock.
Lomeshaye Even. School .....	Mr. Charles Sharpe, the Institute, Liverpool.	Pendleton .....	Mr. J. Harrop, Mechanics' Institution.
London, City of London College .....	Mr. Leonard Clement.	Plymouth, Wesleyan Institute .....	Mr. J. H. M. Cawse.
„ Royal Polytechnic Institution Classes .....	Mr. W. H. Hansen, City of London College, Leadenhall-street, E.C.	Poole .....	Mr. John J. Norton, West-street, Poole.
„ St. Stephen's, Westminster .....	Mr. James Cousens, Royal Polytechnic Institution.	Portsmouth .....	Mr. A. R. Robinson, 198, Lake road, Landport.
„ Metropolitan Association .....	Mr. J. Cawood, St. Stephen's School, Westminster.	Preston .....	Mr. James Dunn, Avenham Institute, Preston.
„ Bayswater .....	Mr. W. G. Larkins, 19, John-street, Adelphi, W.C.	Queensbury (Halifax) ..	Mr. J. W. Quarumby.
„ Hackney .....	Mr. C. Baker, 15, St. Petersburg-place, Bayswater, W.	Ramsbottom .....	Mr. R. Barlow, Public Institute, Ramsbottom, near Bury, (Lane.).
„ Lambeth .....	Mr. H. Gray, Working Men's Inst., Triangle, Hackney, N.E.	Rawtenstall .....	Mr. W. Kemp, Mechanics' Institute.
„ Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution .....	Mr. T. Heller, Hercules'-buildings, Lambeth, S.	Reeth .....	Mr. W. Wilkie, Reeth, Richmond (Yorkshire).
„ Notting-hill.....	Mr. G. M. Norris, 29, Southampton - buildings, Chancery-lane, W.C.	Richmond (Surrey) .....	Rev. W. Bashall, A.M., 3, Cambridge - villas, Park-road, Richmond, S.W.
„ Paddington .....	Mr. T. Timson, James-street, Notting-hill, W.	Rotherham.....	Mr. W. Unwin, Rotherham.
„ St. George's, Westminster ...	Mr. P. Vernon Smith, 55, Gloucester-place, Hyde-park.	Rugby .....	Mr. F. E. Kitchener, M.A.
„ St. Margaret's and St. John's ..	Rev. P. S. Duval, 7, Panton-square, W., and Mr. G. Pickett.	Rusholme, Public Hall and Library .....	Mr. E. Wilde.
„ St. Thomas, Charterhouse Evening Classes ..	Mr. V. Borradaile, St. Mary's Parsonage, Vincent-square, S.W.	St. Helen's (Lancashire) ..	Mr. W. B. Stubbs, 20, Baldwin-street, St. Helen's
„ Spitalfields and Bethnal - green ..	Mr. G. Phillipson, St. Thomas' Charterhouse School, E.C.	Salford .....	Mr. J. Plant, F.G.S., Working Men's College, Salford.
„ Stepney Deanery .....	Mr. T. N. Day, Abbey-street School, Bethnal-green, N.E.	Scarborough .....	Messrs. Thos. Shields and C. H. Moxey, Mechanics' Inst.
Louth .....	Rev. J. R. Holmes, 10, Montague-place, Poplar, E.	Slaidburn (Clitheroe) ...	Mr. T. D. Jackson, Slaidburn.
Macclesfield .....	Mr. Benjamin Crow, Mechanics' Institution, Louth.	Slough .....	Mr. James Chapman, Upton-grove, Slough.
Manchester M.I. ....	Mr. W. Jeffery, Park-green, Macclesfield.	Smethwick .....	Mr. F. Talbot, Messrs. Chance's Library, Smethwick.
Marple .....	Mr. A. Jarrett, 25, Sagar-street, Strangeways, Manchester.	South Staffordshire Educational Association ...	Mr. F. Talbot, Messrs. Chance's Library, Smethwick.
Middlesbro'-on-Tees.....	Mr. W. Walmsley, Hollin's Mill, Marple, Manchester.	Southampton.....	Mr. W. Johnson, Caprera Cottage, Bevois Mount, Southampton.
Mossley .....	Mr. W. Taylor, Mechanics' Inst., Middlesbro'-on-Tees.	Southern Countries Adult Education Society ..	Rev. J. Monkhouse, Oakley, Basingstoke.
Newcastle - on - Tyne Church of England Institute.....	Mr. Thomas Jackson, Mech. Inst., Mossley, near Manchester.	Southport .....	Mr. M. Shepherd, Athenæum, Southport.
New Mills, near (Stockport).....	Mr. M. J. Foster, Maple-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Staleybridge .....	Mr. J. W. Wood, Mech. Inst., Staleybridge.
New Swindon .....	Mr. John Haslam, Working Men's Institute.	Stockport .....	Mr. S. Robinson, Mech. Inst.
Newton Heath, by Manchester .....	Mr. W. L. Fallows, Mech. Inst.	Stocksbridge (Sheffield) ..	Rev. H. Robertshaw, Stocksbridge.
	Mr. S. L. Chadwick.	Stockton-on-Tees .....	Mr. T. W. Hornsby
		Stourbridge .....	Rev. H. Sherrard, Stourbridge.
		„ Church of England Inst. ...	Mr. G. Boden
		Thirsk.....	Mr. R. D. Carter, Thirsk.
		Tottington (Bury) .....	Mr. J. Kenyon, Tottington Institute.
		Turton .....	Mr. Thomas Haworth, Victoria Mill, Chapel Town, Bolton.

Wakefield .....	{ Mr. W. Ash, Mechanics' Institution, Wakefield.
Walsall .....	{ Rev. J. Bradley, Walsall.
Waterford .....	{ Mr. James Budd, 5, King-street, Waterford.
Wednesbury .....	{ Mr. C. Britten, Market-place.
Wellingborough .....	{ Mr. Thomas S. Curtis, Wellingborough.
Werneth (Oldham) .....	{ Mr. F. H. Chadderton, Mechanics' Institute, Werneth.
West Bromwich (1) .....	{ Rev. F. P. Hutton, Gold's Hill, West Bromwich.
West Bromwich (2) .....	{ Rev. J. Whewell, West Bromwich.
West Hartlepool .....	{ Mr. C. T. Casebourne, C.E.
West Riding (Yorkshire), Educational Board ...	{ Mr. H. H. Sales, Mechanics' Institution, Leeds.
Whitby .....	{ Mr. W. G. Chiesman.
Willenhall .....	{ Mr. J. C. Tildesley, Willenhall.
Wilsden (near Bingley, Leeds) .....	{ Mr. C. Petty, Wilsden.
Wolverhampton (1) .....	{ Mr. J. N. Langley, Mowbray House, Wolverhampton.
Wolverhampton (2) .....	{ Mr. George Bidlake.
Woolwich Arsenal .....	{ Mr. W. D. Keeble, Royal Laboratory, Woolwich.
„ St. Thomas' Parochial Schools	{ Mr. J. H. Norman.
Worcestershire Union of Educational Institutes	{ Mr. F. Marcus, Worcester.
York ... ..	{ Mr. R. Hall, 8, Feasgate, York

## ELEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS.

The Society of Arts, ever since the establishment of its system of Examinations, has (while abstaining on its own part from examining students in elementary subjects) recommended the District Unions and Local Boards in connection with it to hold Examinations of this character, as preparatory to the Final Examinations of the Society. In order to aid them in doing this, and at the same time to promote, as far as possible, a uniformity of standard all over the country, the following definite scheme of elementary examinations is recommended for the use of the District Unions and Local Boards. It is in two grades, and the candidates should be allowed to select either grade at their discretion.

## LOWER GRADE.

1. Every candidate must be examined in the first four rules of Arithmetic, simple and compound.
2. Female candidates must also be examined in plain needlework.
3. Male candidates must also be examined in one at least of the three following subjects:—

- A. A General knowledge of the Gospel History.
- B. The rudiments of English History.
- C. The rudiments of the Geography of England.

4. Fairly good writing and spelling, with good reading of a simple narrative will also be required.

5. A satisfactory examination will entitle the candidate to a certificate (of the Lower Grade) from the District Union or Local Board.

## HIGHER GRADE.

1. Every candidate must be examined in Arithmetic, including the Rule of Three, Decimal and Vulgar Fractions.
2. Every female candidate must also show proficiency in needlework.
3. Male candidates must also be examined in one at least of the four following subjects:—

- A. The facts of St. Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.
- B. A General knowledge of English History, and especially of the reign of James I.
- C. The Geography of Great Britain and Ireland.
- D. English Grammar.

4. Candidates will be expected to write fairly, spell correctly, and express themselves grammatically.

5. A satisfactory examination will entitle the candidate to a certificate (of the Higher Grade) from the District Union or Local Board.

No candidates under 12 years of age should be admitted to either grade of these examinations.

The Secretary of any District Union or Local Board in connection with the Society of Arts, desiring to adopt this scheme of Elementary Examinations, must apply to the Secretary of the Society of Arts before the 10th of February, stating the number of male and female Candidates respectively desiring to be examined in each grade. Examination Papers\* in the above subjects will then be forwarded to him, which of course must be kept secret from the Candidates until the time of the Examinations.

These Examinations must, in 1868, be held on the 10th, 11th, and 12th March, after four o'clock, p.m., as follows:—

TUESDAY, 10th March, After 4 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, 11th March, After 4 p.m.	THURSDAY, 12th March, After 4 p.m.
Arithmetic.	English History. Geography.	Gospel History. English Grammar.

The District Unions and local Boards will understand that they or their own Examiners must look through the Candidates' answers, and award the certificates. When this has been done, a return in the following form must be made to the Secretary of the Society of Arts, who will then forward the proper number of blank Forms of Certificate to be filled up by the Local Board:—

## ELEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS, 1868.

Name of Board or }  
District Union. }  
No. of Centres \_\_\_\_\_

	HIGHER GRADE.		LOWER GRADE.	
	Examined.	Passed.	Examined.	Passed.
Males .....				
Females .....				
Totals .....				

Any Candidate who has obtained a certificate of the Higher or Lower Grade in these Preparatory Examinations in Elementary Subjects may, at the discretion of the Local Boards, if not less than sixteen years of age, be "passed" to the Final Examination of the Society of Arts in any of the special subjects in which his or her knowledge has also been properly tested.

\* The uniform Examination Papers afford a common standard of examination; and, to promote uniformity in the application of that standard, special copies of the examination papers, with the number of marks to be awarded for a complete answer to each question, will be printed for the use of the local examiners. Thus, suppose that in a paper there are twelve questions, and that the aggregate number of marks assigned to the paper is 120; the number of marks placed opposite to each of the questions will depend upon their relative difficulty, and the proportion of these marks given by the examiner for the answer of any candidate will depend upon its accuracy and completeness. Supposing a perfect answer to a question to be set down as worth 20 marks, an examiner may award 20, 15, 12, or any less number, according to the merit of the answer. Thus the candidates all over the country, though their papers be tested by different examiners, will be placed as nearly as possible upon an equal footing. No candidate should receive a certificate who does not obtain at least 30 marks in each paper, the whole paper being worth 120 marks. It is desirable that the same person should examine all the candidates in any one subject at any centre.